

IN CIRCUIT COURT.

Circuit court convened Monday morning and on that day the attendance was very light. A grand jury was ordered and the following gentlemen were rounded up by the sheriff and qualified: J. B. Stubbfield, foreman; R. L. Harrison, clerk; Alva Hayden, Otto Heeb, H. C. Stone, J. R. Bugg, J. Held, G. W. Brundett, R. M. Finley, A. W. Williams, Emmet Burke, C. S. Tanner. The grand jury adjourned Thursday evening.

The petit jurors are: Robert Spann, Lee Wellman, W. J. Stone, Wm. Grice, W. J. Kindred, T. J. Bonfield, Jas. Cope, Reed Kirkpatrick, Frank Hess, I. M. Williams, Henry Schiwick, Ben Ellis, Wm. Uelsmann, Wm. Shanks, W. L. Carroll, Chas. Hutchason, John Kilhaffner, Leo Goshe, George Lee, I. N. Anderson, Wm. Moore, T. J. Snowden, Cal. Gupton, T. R. Kirkpatrick.

Elmer Paul was discharged from prison. The following boys out on parole reported and were dismissed until next term: Ed. Hollingshead, John Legend, Henry Holman, John Metz, John Allmon, and Steve Chitty.

The criminal docket is the lightest, perhaps, that the county has ever had. Not a case of any importance from any community where the saloons are closed—if, indeed, there are any at all. I did not examine the docket closely on this point, but I do not recall any. All the criminal cases are from the saloon towns—or towns that had saloons at the time the offense was committed—boozing playing a leading part. Sam Carter, colored, who killed Cal Davis in a saloon at Sikeston, December, 1906, plead guilty and got ten years.

John Parris, who stole young Gangle's horse and buggy during the Catholic picnic here 18 months ago, plead guilty and got 3 years.

Wm. Riley, colored, who got mixed up with Charley Griffith, Fred Green and another young man in a drunken carousal, below Commerce and used a knife, was tried by jury and given 30 months.

E. W. Darling, who was arrested at Rimo for house-breaking and caught with burglar's tools on him, plead guilty to carrying the tools and got two years.

Joe Merritt, charged with violating liquor law at Vanduser, was tried by jury and acquitted.

Wm. Merple plead guilty to violating liquor law at Bleda and was fined \$40 each in four cases.

Geo. Heiserer, of Oran, charged with petit larceny, was tried by jury and acquitted.

Tuesday a venire of 50 men was ordered for Wednesday morning in the case of Wm. Edwards, of Graysboro, charged with rape. Wednesday the men qualified and time granted until Thursday morning for challenges, when the case proceeded. After hearing the testimony of the prosecuting witnesses the case was dismissed by the state.

Wednesday afternoon the case of Dr. Bagwell, of Diehlstadt, against the Iron-Mountain railroad, damages, was tried by jury and judgment given plaintiff for \$200.

There was an unusually large crowd in town Wednesday.

The Freeman saloon matter, of Sikeston, in which the county court granted license last week, is in the circuit court and will be heard Saturday.

There is a long civil docket—principally railroad cases—that may keep the court grinding the greater part of next week.

AROUND BENTON.

Rev. Wm. Swope is holding a big revival at Commerce. Few pulpits orators have the wonderful gift of eloquence and the sparkling wit that can be attributed to this Scott county evangelist. Great crowds gather to hear him until standing room at the church is at a premium.

Ex-Sheriff Ed. Henderson, of Moline, Mo., was in town this week. Ed. is looking well and seems satisfied with his new surroundings.

Mrs. Phil Haffner has spent the greater part of the week at Elon, Ill., with her mother, who was reported dangerously ill.

Lawyers are as thick here this week as pick-pockets at an Oran fair. And victims are quite as plentiful.

J. W. Essner, of Dallas, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Essner, visited home folks during the week.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Several of our young people attended a play party at Sam Monz's near Kelso Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. August Lux, of Kelso, visited the family of Philip Schiller Sunday.

Peter Urhahn and Miss Cora Evans were married Tuesday by Fr. Moenig.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris was buried Tuesday.

A dance at Charley Burgers's last week was well attended.

Wm. Dumey and family of Sal's Creek were here Sunday.

FROM ORAN.

Sunday witnessed the first services in the new Baptist church. Quite a large crowd was present—the Methodist church having dispensed with services in order that all might worship together. The interior of the building is nicely finished and was made more cheerful by the flowers brought for the occasion. Appropriate music was rendered and afterwards Rev. Bowman gave a fitting sermon. At the close of the sermon a free will-offering was taken, amounting to \$22.75, to be used in helping meet the remaining expenses. At the request of Rev. Bowman, Rev. Whitnell took a stand at the altar by him and while both choir and congregation joined in singing the old familiar hymn, "Jesus, Lover of my Soul," all the christian people who were willing to pledge anew their zeal and energy in the advancement of God's cause went forward and grasped them by the hand. The service closed by the benediction by Rev. Whitnell and everyone went away rejoicing that at last the day so long looked forward to had come, and that the untiring efforts of the faithful ones had been crowned with success.

The school text book question is the theme of discussion here. The yoke is bearing heavily on those who pay the freight. Through the efforts of the teachers of the state county uniformity, instead of state uniformity, of text books was adopted. The object of this is plain. It gives employment to a lot of officials and book agents throughout the state. A county board composed of three persons will be appointed in each county and, in addition, each book publishing house will have its agents traveling the state endeavoring to have introduced the books of the house represented by them. Some, to make a sure "killing," first endeavor to have themselves appointed on the board, then get the agency of some book concern and then meet with the county board whereat the text books for the county are to be adopted—thus acting in a dual capacity. To give some idea of expense incurred by publishing houses, I might mention that two agents were here last week, and one boasted that he received \$125 per month and expenses. It is needless to add that such items are added to the cost of the books and that the consumer pays it.

The school board met Monday and selected teachers for the next scholastic year as follows:—H. M. Anshury, principal; Miss Theresa McLean, first assistant; Miss Ella Gentry, second assistant; Miss Lora Foster, primary.

Rev. S. M. Brown and son of Henderson, Iowa, were the guests of Dr. Radcliffe last week. By invitation the young gentlemen visited the school and delivered a very interesting and instructive lecture.

Oran can boast of the oldest school teacher and director. Dr. Radcliffe taught at the Normal school before the war. J. F. Allen was appointed school director in 1878.

James E. Allen and daughter, Mrs. C. E. Moore visited relatives at Cape Girardeau last week. While there Mr. Allen spent much of the time at the Federal court.

Mrs. M. C. Friend, after visiting for several months has returned to St. Louis. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Earl Miller.

J. A. Richards, our first assistant teacher, has applied for the principalship of the Benton school and was there Saturday.

Barney Baudendistel, one of our successful farmers, reports growing wheat in bad condition.

Rev. Whitnell addressed district conference at Sikeston last week.

John Ashley of Cairo, a former resident, was here last week.

Tom Hinkle spent last week at the races at Memphis.

R. H. Watkins of Sikeston was up seen the folks.

FROM KESLO.

Last week Christ Heiserer brought his bride over from Oran. The boys here wanted to serenade him but one of our merchants, J. H. Boardman, headed the scheme off by taking into himself a bride—Mrs. Martha E. Morrow. And he held the crowd.

After a recent thunder-storm a caw of Peter Petz, of Sal's Creek failed to come up. The next day he found her in the woods dead. On either side, about 30 feet apart, were two oak trees that had been struck by lightning.

Frank Dohogne and sister were at Oran Monday. The Dohogne brothers are good to take their sisters out when they can't get some other fellow's sister. When Leo goes it is generally the other fellow's sister.

Leo Diebold lost a soldering iron between Benton and Andy Roberts and will be glad if the finder returns it.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schiller and Mrs. Haffner of near New Hamburg, were here Tuesday.

Albert Hall, of Panama, who has been visiting his brother-in-law, George Casper, left for home Monday.

George Kern, Louis Goez and Chas. Diebold, of New Hamburg, were here Monday.

Uncle John Diebold and Adam Kern were at Cape Thursday.

FROM BLODGETT.

The Farmers Union held its regular meeting Saturday night. Considerable business was transacted. The farmers are already beginning to profit by being organized and every farmer should join them. The union means business.

The W. C. T. U. institute was in session Sunday and Monday. Several members of Sikeston and Benton unions were present.

Robert Powell and family have moved to Edna, where he with Henry Stubbs are to engage in the livery business.

An uncle of P. J. Keating, of Indiana, has been the guest of I. H. Marshall and family the past week.

J. D. Cavanah and wife are visiting at Lutesville. John took his fishing tackle along.

Claud Hay, of Morehouse, was in town a few days.

FROM PLEASANT VALLEY.

Walter Cunningham and Miss Lula Dodson were married at the home of the bride Sunday—Rev. Maddox officiating.

The Misses Leticia Hinkle, May Whitehead and Estella Pearson visited Mrs. E. Dodson Saturday.

Vernon Dodson and James Sherer were at Minner's Switch Sunday.

Arthur Cunningham, of Cairo, was here Sunday.

Cliff Graham was at Sikeston Monday.

FROM SAVANNAH.

W. G. Mackley and wife and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Huff visited the family of Sam Dozier Sunday, and J. R. Mason and family went over to see Bob Puckett's folks.

At a log rolling at Mr. Humphrey's a large wild cat was killed. It had secreted itself among the logs.

All of the fruit and most of the garden truck in this section was knocked out by Jack Frost.

J. Mackley and family and C. R. Straight dined with W. M. Watson Sunday.

Isaac, brother of Joseph Mackley, died at Aniston on the 10th.

A subscription school opened at our school house Monday.

There will be church at Savannah Sunday.

FROM WHITE OAK.

J. R. Wood and wife spent Sunday at Oscar Hamblin's, and Wm. Thompson and wife visited at Wm. Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith of Pleasant Valley Sunday with the family of Ben Taylor.

Mrs. Matt Delahunt was down to Sikeston last week.

Our school library has arrived.

Mrs. Lark Hoy was at Sikeston Saturday.

Jake Congleton was out buggy-riding Sunday with—

Uncle Ben Taylor is very sick.

FROM HICKORY GROVE.

Luther Turner of Blodgett was a visitor Sunday.

Mrs. Bettie Willis spent Tuesday with her daughter, Mrs. James Morrow.

Mrs. James Smith visited Mrs. John Beckman Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson spent Sunday at Mack Morrow's; James Morrow and family visited at C. P. Stanley's.

FROM OWENSBY.

Mr. and Mrs. James Baty, of Cary, visited the family of Ed. Cheving Sunday, and Mr. and Mrs. Rahm took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Pate. Estella Reese and children also spent the day with her mother, Mrs. Newt Anderson.

Monday night a couple of boys tried to use their buggy as a stump puller in front of Newt Anderson's. The buggy was wrecked. It is always best to drive around stumps in the road.

A good crowd gathered at Unity Sunday to hear Rev. Fowlkes, but he failed to show up.

Miss Anna Pate is spending the week with her aunt, Jane Workman, at Edna.

Rev. W. B. Atherton will preach at Unity Saturday evening and Sunday.

Our farmers union is now 32 strong and growing.

London Calhoun Live Long.

London's children are a lively class. There are 1,204 children between the ages of 5 and 10, 245 between the ages of 10 and 15, while seven return their age between 15 and 20.

An Marriage.

"Well," mused the poet, "I may not leave my family much life insurance but I shall certainly leave them a large collection of hitherto unpublished poems."

Not Made to Order.

When guests to thank upon and it is generally a very poor job.

FROM MORLEY.

Frank May has bought the Mark Lawrence property and will turn it into a concrete block factory.

Ennie, daughter of Mrs. Martha Wimberly, died Friday of congestion of the brain.

Jasper May went to Vanduser Tuesday to see his sick brother, Alex.

Mrs. Anna Harris of St. Louis is visiting Mrs. M. V. Harris.

Ralph Modglin, our former I.-M. agent, was here this week.

FROM JONES' ISLAND.

It was a mistake about George Bomer getting disfigured in a ball game. He got a finger mashed while setting a corn sheller.

It has been summer all winter and if continues winter all summer, J. G. Kluge will have some nice, cool melons to offer.

Jonathan Brannam and wife and Miss Belle Frulick spent Sunday with the family of J. W. Evans.

Bill Brent concluded another horse was necessary to pull all of his girls, so he traded for one.

Our coats are in our way this cool weather, hence slow progress is made in farming.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Evans attended church at Morley Sunday.

Aunt Emma Crandall is home again.

FROM MT. ZION.

Chas. Rodenberry and Miss Bertha Brown, of Morley, went to Vanduser to hear Rev. Swope preach Sunday night.

The work on Frank Emerson's barn has begun. George Worley has the contract.

Mrs. Annie Underwood has returned home from the hospital.

Burklow Williams and wife visited at Rickwoods Sunday.

R. K. Griggs has just purchased a fine team of mules.

FROM CROWDER.

Moze Cooksy has moved his family back from Cairo. He and John Denbow were at Blodgett Monday.

Wm. Grant and Miss Florence Cooksy of Richwoods attended our church Sunday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jess Knoll Sunday.

Mrs. Ida Carpenter of McMullin was here Monday.

Miss Carrie Shawan, of Cape, is down on a visit.

FROM LITTLE RIVER.

Miss Carrie Jones spent Sunday with Miss Mattie Grant, and Ivas Hamilton was the guest of Ray Urnige.

John Capps was called to Henslow, Ky., by a sick brother.

George Steen and little daughter have moved to Cape.

James Farris purchased the Batts school house and moved it to his farm for a dwelling.

FROM MACEDONIA.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Sanders and Martin Sanders spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Belk, of Rockview, visited Mrs. Belk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Miller, Sunday.

Miss Belle Garvey spent Sunday night, in Commerce, with her sister, Miss Rose, and attended church.

Don't forget there will be Sunday school every Sunday at 2 p. m.

Mrs. Millie Schatz visited in Vanduser a few days last week.

Samuel Spradin visited in Morley Saturday and Sunday.

Anell Greer is sick.

FROM CROOKED CREEK.

Mrs. Mary Sanders and Mrs. Elsie Wise spent Sunday with the Penn sister, and C. Roehl and family spent the day with his daughter, Mrs. Ida Walker, of the Campbell district.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Totty, of Rockview, come over last week to have their baby treated by Drs. Frazer, of Commerce.

Charley Reynolds and Miss Irene Penn were out driving Sunday. Te-he!

FROM DIEHLSTADT.

Miss Gussie Daniel and her brother, Professor Daniel, of Texas Bend, and also Mr. and Mrs. Washington Williams visited B. Berns and family Sunday.

Miss Dora Berns after a few days visit to her grandparents returned to Fredericktown Tuesday where she is attending school.

Mrs. J. McLaughlin, of Price's Landing, is going to make her home in this vicinity in the future.

Quite a number of our people attended the unveiling at the Oak Grove Cemetery Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Puel was called to the bedside of her mother in Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin visited Mrs. Martin's mother, Mrs. Mazzindale, Sunday.

Services were held by Rev. Woodside at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mrs. Lester, of Charleston, is visiting her brother, Will Brown.

Tea-Drinking removal.

The great annual tea-drinking festival in connection with the churches and chapels of Blackburn, England, was celebrated recently, the number of the participants being estimated at 15,000.

FOR THE NURSERY.

COMFORT AND WELFARE OF THE LITTLE ONES.

Light, Cheerful Rooms, with Plenty of Sun, a Requisite—The Proper Furnishings—Utilizing Left-Overs from Dinner.

There are some points which are essential in the nursery. It should be light and cheerful, with plenty of sun, and well ventilated. The floor should be a hardwood one, and if that is too expensive, have the floor painted. Rugs are better than carpet, because they can be taken up often and thoroughly cleaned. A thermometer is quite necessary to insure the right temperature. While few American children are brought up in their own suite of rooms, after the English fashion, it is becoming more and more the custom to give the little folks a place of their own.

Up-to-date nursery furnishings and decorations are made in various styles, and always with a view to the pleasure of the children. Miniature furniture in mission and bentwood is most attractive. Where the nursery is just one large room, it may be furnished with a dining-table, desk, book-shelves, beds and bureau, all of just the right height. Each child may have his or her own chair. Rugs can be had with appropriate designs, and window draperies with pictorial figures. Wall papers are made with Mother Goose and Dutch scenes, and the friezes with pictures of "Little Bo-Peep," "Jack and Jill," "Baby Bunting," etc., are most fascinating. These numerous illustrations make the room particularly attractive. There are also specially made toilet articles for the little folks.

The "left-over" from a turkey dinner are worthy of attention. After all the really fine slices of the fowl have been removed, the bits of meat picked from the bones may be used for several appetizing luncheon dishes. One of the best is made by heating the pieces in a cream sauce or in the gravy, if any has been left. Serve on thin slices of buttered toast with broiled mushrooms on top. If the mushrooms are not suitable for the luncheon, break them in pieces, and fry in butter. The meat may be encircled with poached eggs if mushrooms are disliked.

Creamed fowl surrounded with rice, which has been boiled in the broth made from the bones, is also very good. Turkey salad is another way in which to use up the bits of cold fowl.

For a luncheon dish tomato rabbit will be found appetizing. Cut four whole canned tomatoes in slices, laying them on slices of toasted whole wheat bread; then sprinkle with salt, pepper, dry mustard, and a few drops of Worcestershire sauce, covering thickly with grated American cheese. Arrange the toast in a shallow baking pan and place in a hot oven long enough to melt the cheese. Serve immediately with a poached egg on top of each slice, and garnish with crisp cress.

It is almost impossible to serve a second portion of Welsh rabbit on account of its becoming tough as soon as it is cooked. To prevent this, stir a beaten egg into what remains, cover it closely, and reheat over a small flame, using the hot-water pan. If stirred up and cooked a moment, it will be found quite as good as when first made.

Right Way to Boil Milk.

Many mothers are very careless in the matter of boiling milk before they give it to children. One of the simplest methods of boiling it is to pour the milk in an enameled saucepan, placing this in an iron saucepan of cold water. This water should then be brought to the boil. Without removing the lid of the saucepan containing the milk the water should be kept at boiling point for four minutes, and then removed at once, cooling being accomplished as rapidly as possible by standing the milk saucepan in several successive changes of cold water, the cover being, however kept closed until the milk is cold. The milk should always be aerated before it is given to the child, by stirring it rapidly with a spoon for a few moments.

For the Children.

A prominent physician claims that there will be no diphtheria or scarlet fever for children if they eat plentifully of onions every day, especially when there is a scarcity of fresh fruit.

Among the various causes for crossness of children are some very common ones, such as hunger or thirst, improper sleep, overeating, uncomfortable clothing and the pernicious feeding of sweets.

Old-Time Remedy.

Put small one-half cup best molasses, tablespoon elder vinegar, piece of butter size of an English walnut, and red pepper enough to taste well on in an agate dish, and let simmer down quite thick. Take it out before going to bed, and see if it will not help a cold. It is fine tasting, and like "Oliver," you will be apt to want more.

Homemade Underwaists.

Underwaists for children may be made at home and be equal to the bought ones, if cut from heavy drifed and finished with bands stitched on where the buttons are to be sewed.

Sugar Cookies.

One and one-half cups of white sugar, one cup shortening, part hard and part butter, one egg, one cup milk, one teaspoonful of salt, two teaspoonfuls of cream tartar, one teaspoonful soda, a little nutmeg, vanilla or cayenne seeds for flavoring. Mix in order given enough flour to thick—roll thin and bake in a quick oven.

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